

YOSHIDA met KODAMA for the first time on 2, April 1937. The letter came out of p.m. In 1938 YOSHIDA went to Shanghai. At the end of 1941 KODAMA Yoshio went to Shanghai as a buyer for the naval airforce headquarters of such articles as copper, silver, sulfur and clothing material and metal alloys.

YOSHIDA, Kenji has known KODAMA since February, 1943.

In KODAMA's early trips to Shanghai, he spent much time visiting with IWAI, the Japanese vice-consul to Shanghai, as an unofficial representative from the foreign office.

YOSHIDA met KODAMA for the first time in 1937, through IRATA, Fumio, president of the Yamato Shinbun. In July 1943, IRATA died, leaving KODAMA to become the head of the newspaper with YOSHIDA as the vice-president.

~~At the organization~~ the KODAMA Kikan employed about 200 people as payroll members of the Kikan, as far as YOSHIDA can remember.

Although KODAMA organized the association in 1941, it was not officially installed as a KODAMA Kikan until November of 1943 by the naval airforce headquarters. According to YOSHIDA, in order to simplify and make more convenient the competition against the ~~zaibatsu~~ groups, the navy assisted the KODAMA Kikan by backing business and finances. The navy sought a quick means of obtaining supplies and material. The KODAMA Kikan promised to produce.

The navy cooperated. The original funds amounting to approximately one million five hundred thousand yen according to TANAKA, was provided by the navy for the purpose of naval procurement. All in all, the headquarters of the naval airforce turned over approximately one billion five hundred million yen to the KODAMA Kikan for supplies procured, services rendered, and profits thereof.

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COL. SHIBA and COL. KANAKI having had direct contact with
the military officials of the naval airforce headquarters. Lt.
YAMADA, ~~Colonel~~, VA. ASAKA, Seisaku, then head of the naval airforce,
had encouraged the organization of the KODAMA-Kikan as the procure-
ment agency for his headquarters. The last head of the naval air-
forces was OISHI, Tokijiro, who committed suicide upon the secession
of hostilities. YAMAGATA was killed in action during the war.

KUSAKI was connected with the Taike Kai in IWATA's group. KUSAKI, Taro, joined the staff in 1942, at which time he went to China.